



## Land Development News

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*Ken Brazell, DPW Land Development Project Manager*

### **Television Inspection of New Storm Drain Systems to be Public Maintained Prior to Acceptance**

DPW Land Development Division and Private Development Construction Inspection staff have recently become aware of some developer uncertainty as to what is expected during final inspection of new storm drain pipes. DPW has a policy that requires all new storm drain facilities, less than 48" in diameter, and that are publicly maintained by DPW, to have internal inspection by internal closed circuit television ("CCTV"). In situations where the pipe is exposed at both ends and clear sight through the pipe is available, the DPW inspector may waive the requirement for CCTV.

The following procedures should be followed during the design and construction process:

- A) During plan review, the following notes shall be included on all storm drain improvement plans where pipes less than 48" in diameter are proposed:
  - a) "Final acceptance of the to-be publicly maintained storm drain lines will be subject to internal closed circuit television (CCTV) inspection by a CCTV contractor. The permittee/contractor will be responsible to schedule and pay for the costs of inspection. Once CCTV inspection is completed, it shall be submitted to the DPW inspector for review and final approval.
- B) Developer and/or contractor shall perform CCTV inspection to the satisfaction of the Director of DPW. Any deviations need to first be approved by the DPW Inspector.
- C) DPW Private Development Construction Inspection (PDCI) will forward the CCTV inspection video(s) to the Field Engineering staff to review the CCTV inspection prior to final acceptance. Any deficiencies will be reported to the developer/contractor for repair.

If you have questions regarding CCTB inspection, please contact Ken Brazell at [Kenneth.Brazell@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:Kenneth.Brazell@sdcounty.ca.gov).

*Derek Gade, DPW PDCI Program Manager*

### **Improvements to the County's Developer Deposits Account Balance Website**

As part of our efforts to increase service to our customers, the County recently updated our website for our customers to view their developer deposits account. The web access now has new enhancements where you can see details regarding County staff member charges to projects and when staff performed the work. In addition, the information is presented in a tabulated format that you will be able to print for your records. Please reference the included



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information about how to use the updated website.

In addition, the County is in the process of transitioning its land use permit database to a new system called Accela Automation. As part of this improvement, there will be more positive changes to our public access website. We are expected to provide more expanded services for our customers that will improve your experience. More information will be provided in the future as the enhancements become available.

For more information about the updated Developer Deposits website, visit <http://projectbalance.sdcounty.ca.gov/>.

If you have questions on this issue, please contact a Private Development Construction inspection representative at (858) 694-3165 or via email at [grading@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:grading@sdcounty.ca.gov).

*Derek Gade, DPW PDCI Program Manager*

### **DPW IS ON THE MOVE!!!**

On August 10, 2012, the following DPW Divisions/sections will be closed and will reopen at the new County Operations Center on August 13, 2012:

- **Private Development Construction Inspection Section** (Land Development Division): 5510 Overland Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor
- **Transportation Division**: 5510 Overland Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor
- **Construction Engineering Section** (Engineering Services Division): 5500 Overland Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor
- **Watershed Protection and Flood Control Sections** (Land Development Division): 5510 Overland Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor
- **Land Development Division Administration**: 5510 Overland Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Not all departments you may work with will be moving in August. The Department of Planning and Land Use, Permit Processing Counter, Land Development Review Team and Cartographic Services will remain at 5201 Ruffin Road until September 23, 2012. Please be assured that County departments are working diligently to minimize any gaps in service.

We look forward to seeing you in our beautiful new location! Please contact us with any questions you may have at (858) 694-3165.

*Cid Tesoro, DPW Watershed Protection Program Manager*

### **The New Administrative Draft Municipal Storm Water Permit**

The San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) has issued a new administrative draft Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permit (MS4 Permit) to the County of San Diego and Copermittees [Tentative Order No. R9-2012-001, NPDES No. CAS0109266]. Traditionally, municipalities have been issued separate MS4 permits based on the county



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boundary. However, this new draft MS4 Permit is for all of Region 9, which incorporates the County of San Diego, the County of Riverside, and the County of Orange under one MS4 Permit.

The MS4 Permit provides the minimum legal requirements for what the County of San Diego must base its stormwater regulations on. The MS4 Permit is on a 5-year renewal cycle, which historically corresponds to more stringent regulations with each re-issuance. This draft MS4 Permit stays true to that tradition and proposes a new overall framework for municipalities to manage its stormwater programs and proposes additional regulations which may impact the land development community.

The following are some examples of proposed regulations in the Development Planning and Construction sections of the draft MS4 Permit:

1. Development Planning Section E.3:
  1. Changed PDP criteria to 10,000 square feet of impervious surface for residential, commercial, and industrial sites.
  2. Residential driveways were added to PDP road category.
  3. Parking lots were removed from redevelopment definition.
  4. Local BMP Design Manual will replace SUSMP.
  5. Pre-project hydrology changed from existing condition to naturally occurring condition.
  6. Development must compensate for the loss of sediment supply.
  7. Source control BMPs included in inspection program.
  8. Retention or mitigation is required for every PDP.
  9. Update BMP database from January 2002 with new criteria.
  10. Violations must be corrected in 10 business days.
2. Construction Section E.4:
  1. Added State SWPPPs to requirements.
  2. Potential additional requirements for projects under 1 acre.
  3. Additional tracking and inventory requirements for County and Copermittees.
  4. Require the County to establish a new "Enforcement Response Plan" for enforcement activities related to non-compliance.

The draft MS4 Permit is currently being discussed in focused meetings with the RWQCB and key stakeholders. The County encourages all interested parties to review the permit and provide comments to RWQCB by September 14, 2012. The draft MS4 Permit language and information on how to submit comments are located on the RWQCB website at <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb9/>.

*Terry Connors, DPW County Surveyor*

### **Cartographic Services Move to the New Operations Center**

Cartographic Services' research counter and the Office of the County Surveyor are moving to 5510 Overland Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Suite 270, on Monday, September 23, 2012.

Coinciding with the move, DPW has embarked upon a plan to upgrade the Survey Records System (SRS). This upgrade will accomplish a number of goals; including 1) stabilizing the



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network server and connection, 2) providing more documents in a digital format, and 3) providing visual enhancements.

We have regretfully known for some time that the internet connection has not performed the way it was intended, causing outages when survey information has not been readily available to our customers. We are currently working to identify where the problems are occurring and make corrections so that it does not happen in the future.

We have recently scanned over 100,000 additional documents which are currently on aperture cards, microfilm, Mylar and paper. Our goal is to add 15 new record types to the SRS, which will allow our customers to obtain the survey data records digitally from home or office.

As with any large undertaking, there will be some growing pains. Please bear with us as the process moves forward. In the end we think customers will like the look and feel of the new SRS. If you have any questions, please contact Terry Connors at (858) 694-3869, or email at [Terry.Connors@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:Terry.Connors@sdcounty.ca.gov).